

(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

WILDLIFE & FISHERIES CMN. Authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to adopt regulations for the use of certain fishing gear in certain lakes

DIGEST

Proposed law authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at the request of a lake commission, a fish and game commission, or a watershed district to adopt rules to regulate the use of certain fishing gear in a lake under the control of the requesting entity.

Proposed law provides that the rules relative to yo-yos must provide the following: limits each person to 50 yo-yos; requires that except those attached to private piers or docks, each be tagged with the name, address, and phone number of the owner; that each one is checked at least once every 24 hours, and all fish or other animals caught be removed; except those attached to private piers or docks, that each one be rebaited every 24 hours; prohibits a yo-yo from being attached to a metal object; prohibits the use of any metal object driven into the lake bottom, a stump, or tree, or the bank; and except those attached to private piers or docks, requires the removal of any yo-yo not in use.

Proposed law provides that the rules relative to trotlines must provide the following: limits each person to three trotlines; requires that each be tagged with the name, address, and phone number of the owner and a float on each end; prohibits a trotline from being attached to a metal object; requires an eight-foot cotton leader on each end of each trotline; requires daily attendance while in service; and requires the removal of any trotline not in use.

Proposed law provides that violations are class one violations punishable, with no imprisonment, as follows plus seizure of the device:

1st offense	\$50
2nd offense	\$75 - \$250
3rd +	\$200 - \$550

Proposed law authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at the request of a water conservation district to adopt regulations applicable to the use of jugs or float fishing gear in a specific water body.

Proposed law requires the regulations be uniform in their application to water bodies subject to the regulations and provide for the opening and closing dates for the use of such gear.

Proposed law provides that violations are class one violations punishable, with no imprisonment, as follows plus seizure of the device:

1st offense	\$50
2nd offense	\$75 - \$250
3rd +	\$200 - \$550

(Adds R.S. 56:6(32) and (33))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Natural Resources to the engrossed bill.

1. Deletes the Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries from the list of entities that can request regulations for certain fishing gear in a lake under the control of the requesting entity.
2. Allows the Wildlife & Fisheries Commission, upon request of a water commission, to regulate jug or float fishing in certain water bodies.